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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Scott J. Sugarman

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5,8,9,16 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4,6,7,10 and 18-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1-19-05
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The indicated allowability of claims 16 and 17 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Reynolds. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Reynolds. Reynolds (col. 5, lines 13-18) teaches an optical system having a window (11) having a nonspherically curved outer surface (15) (since it has surface irregularities, it is considered nonspherical) and a curved inner surface, a transmission optical corrector (61) adjacent to the curved inner surface of the window and having an optical corrector shape responsive to a shape of the window, where the transmission optical corrector has a selectively nonuniform passive transmission optical property where the optical property is a spatially varying diffractive property of the transmission optical corrector (since it is a phase correcting hologram) and a sensor (25) disposed to receive the optical ray passing sequentially through the window and

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the transmission optical corrector. The optical corrector is fixed, the window is a flight window and the sensor is a manufactured sensor.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-15 are allowed for reasons of record set forth in the Office Action of October 7, 2004.

Claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 18-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art does not teach or suggest a transmission optical corrector having a varying index or varying absorption as well as being movable or a sensor having a field of regard of at least 20 degrees.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott J. Sugarman whose telephone number is (571)272-2340.

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